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The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
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Respectfully submitted,

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